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1. Former German underground depots have been cleaned up and reconditioned and turned into dumps for small calibre and artillery ammunition, at Nowa Ruda, Ludkowice, Kamienna Gora and Scincwka near Klodzko (Glatz-P51/H34).
2. A former German underground ammunition factory, partly fitted out with machinery and installations left by the Germans, is located near Klodzko, at Wilcze Doly, Gory Stolowe and Kamienna Gora. Lack of care and maintenance has resulted in damage to some of these installations. Since the summer of 1953 soldiers have been employed in reconditioning the existing installations.
3. The quarries and mines in Nowa Ruda are manned exclusively by soldiers of auxiliary companies (Kompanie pomocnicze). These companies are composed of men called up for normal military service, but not incorporated in normal army units because they are not considered politically reliable, i.e., those with relatives abroad, and those who have been punished for attempted escape from Poland and similar offences. Since these "soldier-miners" have no experience in working underground, there are numerous fatal accidents among them. The number of fatal accidents is increased by the technical personnel, the "experts" or professionals, who also lack sufficient experience and training for the posts they occupy. Most of them have been "socially promoted" (za awansu spolecznego) for services rendered to the Party and the State.
4. Many Bulgarians, Germans and Ukrainians are employed in the mines in Lower Silesia. The administrative authorities are especially concerned about the Germans and try to make their lives as easy as possible. They are granted the best accommodation, newspapers in their own language and schools run in German. The Bulgarians and Ukrainians are much worse off, because no one takes any interest in them, and the local population refuses to have anything to do with them, calling them communist tramps.

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